Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, visits, flowers, cards, meals, and words of comfort extended to us during this difficult time. Your love and support have brought us strength and reminded us that we are not alone in our grief.

We are especially grateful for the compassion, care, and support shown to our loved one and our family.

May God richly bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and kindness.



Pallbearers

Fred Wilson ~ Fred Taylor

John Armstrong ~ Ramon Gary

Marcus Crump ~ Chris Jones

Honorary Pallbearers

James Agnew ~ Barry Ledbetter

Leon Thomas ~ Sylvester Thomas

Antonio Gasaway

Interment

Verona Cemetery
Verona, MS

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June 14, 1953

SUNSET
September 15, 2026



Alva Vanessa WRIGHT GASAWAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 | 11:00AM

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THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Alva Vanessa Wright Gasaway

On September 15, 2026, Alva Vanessa Wright Gasaway suddenly departed this earthly life. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of faith, family, service, and love. Her life touched countless people, and she will remain forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Alva was born on June 14, 1953, to the late Clark J. Wright and Annie Laura Wright. She was raised with values that helped shape the remarkable woman she would become. Her strong faith, generous spirit, and genuine love for people remained at the center of her life.

Alva professed her faith in Christ at an early age and joined Chandlers Temple CME Church. She faithfully served God and Chandlers throughout her life. As a member of Chandlers Temple, she served faithfully as a Stewardess, Steward, Trustee, Missionary and Director of Christian Education and Formation. She also served as the chairperson for many annual days and community initiatives. Her faith was reflected not only in what she believed, but also in how she lived. She had a heart for helping others and gave freely of her time and talents.

Alva attended George Washington Carver High School, where she was proudly crowned Miss Blue Devil. She remained especially fond of her beloved Class of 1971. The friendships and memories formed during those years held a special place in her heart.

Alva married the love of her life, Troy Gasaway Jr. Together, they shared 46 years of marriage and built a loving family rooted in faith, devotion, and togetherness. Family was at the heart of Alva's life. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved her family deeply and took great pride in caring for those she held dear.

Alva enjoyed an extraordinary 45 year career with WTVA/WLOV-TV. During her tenure, she worked in several departments but spent most of her career in sales. Her many years of service reflected her dedication, loyalty, and strong work ethic. She had a natural ability to connect with people and formed many lasting relationships throughout her career.

Alva's commitment to service extended well beyond her professional life. She was a devoted member of the Golden Circle Civic Social Club, where she served as president for many years. She was passionate about giving back and took great pride in serving her community. She was also a treasured member of The Mature Women's Club. This special group of friends enjoyed fellowship, shared meals, and traveled together. Their friendship brought Alva great joy and created many cherished memories.

Alva's caring spirit extended far beyond her family. She had a genuine concern for others and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Her warmth made people feel welcome, and she truly never met a stranger.

Alva was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 46 years. Troy Gasaway Jr.; her parents, Clark J. and Annie Laura Wright; and her brother, Shelby Green Wright. She leaves to cherish her memory her two devoted daughters, Teadra N. Gasaway (Khalid) and Tashena Gasaway Butler (Frank); six beloved grandchildren, Kamaria J. Drummond, Landen J. Butler, Amya R. Butler, Stedmon Lemon, Khaliyah Abdullah, and Khalid Abdullah Jr.; her brother, Stanley Jackson Wright (Sally); and her cousins, Lisa Wiley (JD), Shelby Lauderdale, and Dorothy Peters.

She is also survived by her brothers-in-law, Mitchell Gasaway (Gloria) and Eddie Clay; sisters-in-law, Mary Francis Gasaway and Cecelia Ann Gasaway; and a host of cherished cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, church family, colleagues, and dear friends. Alva lived a life rooted in faith and devoted to service. She gave generously to her family, her church, and her community. The suddenness of her passing has left an immeasurable void in the hearts of those who loved her.

Her family will forever cherish the lessons she taught, the memories she created, and the love she so freely gave. Though she will be deeply missed, the impact of her life will continue through her family and the many people who were blessed to have known her.

Alva Vanessa Wright Gasaway lived a life of purpose, service, and love. Her legacy will continue for generations to come.

ORDER OF *Service*

Processional ……. Ministers & Family

Song

Prayer ……..…….. Reverend Luther Minor

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Scripture ……. Reverend Marshall Coleman

New Testament Scripture ……..…. Elder Alicia Wiley

Words of Comfort ……..… Reverend Matthew Freeman

Song

Resolutions & Acknowledgements …….. Sister Kathy Smith

Remarks ……..…….. Bishop Dr. T.C. Cummings

Eulogy ……..…… Bishop Jospeh Douglas Wiley

Recessional

Precious Memories

A HEART THAT HELD US ALL

She was Daughter, Wife, Ma, and Grammy, Sister, Aunt, Cousin and Friend;
So many names for one beuatiful soul, whose love seemed to have no end.

Her heart was wide, her spirit kind, her wisdom deep and true;
She always seemded to have the words to help you make it through.

She loved with an encompassing heart, with room enough for all;
To comfort, guide, encourage, or simply take your call.

And oh, how we will miss her laugh-So infectious, warm and bright;
The kind that filled an entire room and made the whole world light.

Her laugh was a melody, a joy we came to know;
A sound we'll hear within our hearts wherever we may go.

She gave us strength, she gave us love, she gave us memories too;
And left a little of herself in everything we do.

Though today our hearts are broken and our tears may freely fall
We thank God for the precious gift of the woman who loved us all.

And though we cannot see her now, our faith helpd us believe
That love does not end with goodbye when those we cherish leave.

So rest now, beloved Alva, in God's eternal light;
Perhaps reunited with the love who went before you into night.

Your wisdom was a precious gift, your laughter warmed us all.
And though your earthly jouney's done, your love will never fall.

For every life your heart has touched, each memory, great and small-
Will forever tell the story of the heart that held us all.

~ Your Loving Family



























